

1. A portable system for transferring a liquid from a first tank to a second tank, the system comprising:

a trailer adapted for connection to a vehicle;

a pump mounted on the trailer and having an inlet and an outlet;

an engine mounted in the trailer and adapted for driving the pump;

a flow meter mounted on the trailer and having an inlet in communication with the outlet of the pump and an outlet, such that liquid pumped by the pump flows through, and is measured by, the meter;

an inlet hose storable in the trailer and connectable between the first tank and the inlet of the pump; and

an outlet hose storable in the trailer and connectable between the outlet of the meter and the second tank.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein fuel for the engine is the liquid being transferred.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the engine is a diesel engine.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the liquid is diesel fuel.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

an air line in communication with the outlet of the meter; and

an air hose connectable between the air line and an air source whereby liquid in the outlet hose may be forced by air pressure into the second tank.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein:

the second tank is a portion of a transport trailer on a transport truck; and

the air source is mounted on the truck.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the first tank is a railroad tank car and the second tank is a transport trailer.

8. The system of claim 1 further comprising an alarm connected to the second tank for providing an audible signal indicating a predetermined liquid level in the second tank.

9. A portable system for transferring a liquid from a first tank to a second tank, the system comprising:

a trailer adapted for connection to a vehicle;

a pump mounted on the trailer and having an inlet and an outlet;

an engine mounted on the trailer for driving the pump, the engine being adapted to use the liquid being transferred as fuel;

a flow meter having an inlet in communication with the outlet of the pump and an outlet;

an inlet hose connectable between the first tank and the inlet of the pump; and

an outlet hose connectable between the outlet of the meter and the second tank.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein the liquid is diesel fuel.

11. The system of claim 9 further comprising:

an air line in communication with the outlet of the meter; and

an air hose connectable between the air line and an air source whereby liquid in the outlet hose may be forced by air pressure into the second tank.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein:

the second tank is a portion of a transport trailer on a transport truck; and

the air source is mounted on the truck.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein the inlet hose and outlet hose are storable in the trailer.

14. The system of claim 9 wherein the first tank is a railroad tank car and the second tank is a transport trailer.

15. The system of claim 9 further comprising an alarm connected to the second tank for providing an audible signal indicating a predetermined liquid level in the second tank.

16. A portable system for transferring a liquid from a first tank to a second tank, the system comprising:

a trailer adapted for connection to a vehicle;

a pump mounted on the trailer and having an inlet and an outlet;

an engine adapted for driving the pump;

a flow meter having an inlet connected to the outlet of the pump and an outlet;

an inlet hose connectable between the first tank and the inlet of the pump;

an outlet hose connectable between the outlet of the meter and the second tank;

an air line in communication with the outlet of the meter; and

an air hose connectable between the air line and an air source whereby liquid in the outlet hose may be forced by air pressure into the second tank.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein the engine uses the liquid being transferred as a fuel.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein the engine is a diesel engine.

19. The system of claim 16 wherein the liquid is diesel fuel.

20. The system of claim 16 wherein the inlet hose and outlet hose are storable in the trailer.

21. The system of claim 16 wherein the first tank is a railroad tank car and the second tank is a transport trailer.

22. The system of claim 16 further comprising an alarm connected to the second tank for providing an audible signal indicating a predetermined liquid level in the second tank.

23. A method of obtaining fuel at an optimum price comprising the steps of:

(a) locating a source of supply of the fuel contained in a railcar at a location accessible by a motor vehicle;

(b) moving a portable liquid transferring system to the location;

(c) moving a transport truck to the location;

(d) connecting the system to the railcar and transport truck;

(e) activating the system to pump the fuel from the railcar to the transport truck.;

(f) disconnecting the system from the railcar and transport truck; and

(g) moving the transport truck to the desired marketing point.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein step (d) comprises:

connecting an inlet hose between the railcar and the system; and

connecting an outlet hose between the system and the transport trailer.

25. The method of claim 21 further comprising between steps (e) and (f) blowing liquid out of the outlet hose by applying air pressure thereto.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the air is supplied by the transport truck.

27. The method of claim 23 wherein step (e) comprises driving a pump with an engine for pumping the fuel from the railcar to the transport truck.

28. The method of claim 24 further comprising fueling the engine with a portion of the fuel being transferred.

29. The method of claim 23 wherein step (e) comprises sounding an audible alarm when the fuel in the transport truck reaches a predetermined level.